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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD  
Washington 25, D. C.

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May 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: FOA Proposal -- Youth Feeding in connection with  
East German Youth Conference in Berlin June 5 and 6

Attached is a memorandum from FOA, setting forth its proposal for use of FOA funds in connection with the Communist youth rally in East Berlin to be held on June 5 and 6.

This proposal is Item 2. on the Agenda of the May 12 meeting of the Board.

*Elmer B. Staats*  
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Executive Officer

Attachment:

Memo for Mr. Staats from Brig. Gen. Porter,  
Special Feeding Program for Communist Youth Rally,  
May 11, 1954.

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May 11, 1954

Memorandum for Mr. Elmer B. Staats, Executive Officer, OCB

From: Brig. Gen. Robert W. Porter, Jr.

Subject: Special Feeding Program for Communist Youth Rally

1. Problem

To determine if it is appropriate to use U.S. Government-owned DM 300,000 (\$71,000), which are available for the East German Food Program, to help finance the provision of free meals to Communist youths during the Communist Youth Rally in East Berlin on June 5 - 6.

2. Background

Intelligence reports indicate that a Communist Youth Rally will be held on June 5 - 6 in East Berlin. As in other years, a joint German-U.S. program is being planned to attract young Communists to West Berlin during this period to counteract the propaganda effect of the Communist Rally. As part of this program, it has been proposed that 150,000 free meals be served an estimated 60,000 visitors from East Berlin. The meals would be financed by a German contribution of DM 100,000 and by a U.S. contribution of DM 300,000. The proposed U.S. contribution will derive from the previous and current sale of lard or from residual proceeds of previous sales of U.S. supplied foodstuffs in the East German food program. Since these foodstuffs were not themselves actually made available to the East Germans, according to the July 17, 1953 Presidential Determination, the proceeds from their sales must be used for "the emergency food relief of the people of East Germany".

Staff levels of interested agencies are agreed that free meals are an integral part of the overall U.S. German program for the rally. The German financial contribution to the overall program will far exceed the DM 100,000 contributed for food only, since the Germans will also provide reduced price theater tickets, special exhibits, labor and services and many other attractions from their own budget funds.

3. Discussion

The original Mission proposal was to provide a hot dish, a sandwich, a cold drink and candy for each young Communist visitor. The FOA staff view is that the provision of the hot ~~dish~~ and sandwich and the cost of its preparation might be appropriate under the Presidential Determination of July 17, 1953 for the East German food program but that the drink and candy would not be. The determination specifically authorizes "emergency food relief to people of East Germany" and it is difficult to interpret candy and cold drinks as emergency food.

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An added complexity is that the Communist Youth Rally will be attended not only by East German youths, but also contingents from other countries, although East Germans will constitute the vast majority. It is possible, therefore, that if this proposal is approved, young Polish and Czechoslovak Communists might eat meals financed partially by a program originally designed to feed East Germans.

4. Recommendations

The spirit of the proposal is in line with the purpose of the Presidential Determination of July 17, 1953. It is recommended, therefore, that the proposed use of local currency be approved subject to its restriction to the provision of a hot dish and sandwich. Also, such precautions as are practicable should be taken to assure that East Germans are the beneficiaries of this food.

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**Remarks:** The Director has asked for your comments on the attached. I believe he may wish to discuss this at the OCB Meeting on Wednesday, 18 November.

*JSE*  
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